## **Agency: Greene County Sheriff's Dept.**

Population: 201,392

age 16 and over

|                        | age to and other |       |       |          |       |            |       |
|------------------------|------------------|-------|-------|----------|-------|------------|-------|
| KEY INDICATORS         | Total            | White | Black | Hispanic | Asian | Am. Indian | Other |
| Stops                  | 7559             | 6942  | 314   | 179      | 61    | 1          | 62    |
| Searches               | 1658             | 1506  | 76    | 55       | 10    | 0          | 11    |
| Arrests                | 163              | 149   | 8     | 6        | 0     | 0          | 0     |
| Statewide population % | N/A              | 84.26 | 10.63 | 2.22     | 1.38  | 0.46       | 1.06  |
| Local population %     | N/A              | 92.55 | 2.32  | 1.85     | 1.26  | 0.70       | 1.33  |
| Disparity index        | N/A              | 0.99  | 1.79  | 1.28     | 0.64  | 0.02       | 0.62  |
| Search rate            | 21.93            | 21.69 | 24.20 | 30.73    | 16.39 | 0.00       | 17.74 |
| Contraband hit rate    | 9.89             | 9.76  | 13.16 | 12.73    | 0.00  | #Error     | 0.00  |
| Arrest rate            | 2.16             | 2.15  | 2.55  | 3.35     | 0.00  | 0.00       | 0.00  |

**Notes:** Population figures are 2005 Census estimates for persons 16 years of age and older who designated a single race. Hispanics may be of any race. Other includes persons of mixed race and unknown race.

**Disparity index** = (proportion of stops / proportion of population). A value of 1 represents no disparity; values greater than 1 indicate over-representation, values less than 1 indicate under-representation.

Search rate = (searches / stops) X 100.

**Contraband hit rate** = (searches with contraband found / total searches) X 100.

Arrest rate = (arrests / stops) X 100.

#Error indicates zero denominator.

| #End indicates zero denominator. |                |       |       |       |          |       |            | minator. |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-------|-------|-------|----------|-------|------------|----------|
| VEHICLE S                        | STOP STATS     | Total | White | Black | Hispanic | Asian | Am. Indian | Other    |
| Reason for stop                  | Moving         | 6023  | 5524  | 247   | 156      | 47    | 0          | 49       |
|                                  | Equipment      | 912   | 836   | 44    | 15       | 9     | 0          | 8        |
|                                  | License        | 924   | 869   | 30    | 11       | 8     | 1          | 5        |
|                                  | Investigative  | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0        | 0     | 0          | 0        |
| Stop<br>outcome                  | Citation       | 3418  | 3259  | 89    | 43       | 14    | 0          | 13       |
|                                  | Warning        | 3414  | 3053  | 178   | 109      | 37    | 1          | 36       |
|                                  | No action      | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0        | 0     | 0          | 0        |
| Location<br>of stop              | Interstate hwy | 1022  | 799   | 85    | 91       | 17    | 1          | 29       |
|                                  | US hwy         | 839   | 820   | 10    | 5        | 2     | 0          | 2        |
|                                  | State hwy      | 1457  | 1383  | 44    | 20       | 5     | 0          | 5        |
|                                  | County road    | 2400  | 2294  | 55    | 21       | 22    | 0          | 8        |
|                                  | City street    | 1816  | 1628  | 120   | 42       | 14    | 0          | 12       |
|                                  | Other          | 25    | 18    | 0     | 0        | 1     | 0          | 6        |
| Driver<br>gender                 | Male           | 4985  | 4503  | 235   | 157      | 37    | 1          | 52       |
|                                  | Female         | 2574  | 2439  | 79    | 22       | 24    | 0          | 10       |
| Driver age                       | 17 and under   | 409   | 391   | 6     | 2        | 4     | 0          | 6        |
|                                  | 18-29          | 3368  | 3097  | 152   | 77       | 24    | 0          | 18       |
|                                  | 30-39          | 1959  | 1747  | 106   | 62       | 19    | 1          | 24       |
|                                  | 40 and over    | 1823  | 1707  | 50    | 38       | 14    | 0          | 14       |

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| SEARCH                                       | STATS                       | Total | White | Black | Hispanic | Asian | Am. Indian | Other |
|--|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|----------|-------|------------|-------|
| Probable<br>cause/<br>authority<br>to search | Consent                     | 410   | 351   | 23    | 28       | 2     | 0          | 6     |
|  | Inventory                   | 72    | 67    | 3     | 2        | 0     | 0          | 0     |
|  | Drug/alcohol odor           | 68    | 60    | 7     | 1        | 0     | 0          | 0     |
|  | Incident to arrest          | 331   | 306   | 16    | 8        | 0     | 0          | 1     |
|  | Plain view contraband       | 719   | 672   | 24    | 14       | 5     | 0          | 4     |
|  | Reasonable suspicion-weapon | 15    | 13    | 2     | 0        | 0     | 0          | 0     |
|  | Drug-dog alert              | 2     | 2     | 0     | 0        | 0     | 0          | 0     |
|  | Other                       | 182   | 171   | 5     | 2        | 3     | 0          | 1     |
| What<br>searched                             | Driver                      | 90    | 82    | 7     | 1        | 0     | 0          | 0     |
|  | Car/property                | 508   | 453   | 23    | 22       | 4     | 0          | 6     |
|  | Driver & Property           | 1060  | 971   | 46    | 32       | 6     | 0          | 5     |
| Search<br>duration                           | 0-15 minutes                | 1552  | 1424  | 67    | 43       | 10    | 0          | 8     |
|  | 16-30 minutes               | 101   | 80    | 9     | 10       | 0     | 0          | 2     |
|  | 31+ minutes                 | 5     | 2     | 0     | 2        | 0     | 0          | 1     |
| Contra-                                      | Drugs/alcohol               | 125   | 111   | 9     | 5        | 0     | 0          | 0     |
| band<br>found                                | Currency                    | 6     | 5     | 0     | 1        | 0     | 0          | 0     |
|  | Weapon                      | 11    | 11    | 0     | 0        | 0     | 0          | 0     |
|  | Stolen property             | 3     | 3     | 0     | 0        | 0     | 0          | 0     |
|  | Other                       | 27    | 25    | 1     | 1        | 0     | 0          | 0     |
| Arrest<br>charge                             | Outstanding warrant         | 154   | 144   | 8     | 2        | 0     | 0          | 0     |
|  | Drug violation              | 72    | 65    | 5     | 2        | 0     | 0          | 0     |
|  | Resist arrest               | 7     | 7     | 0     | 0        | 0     | 0          | 0     |
|  | Offense against person      | 6     | 6     | 0     | 0        | 0     | 0          | 0     |
|  | Traffic Violation           | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0        | 0     | 0          | 0     |
|  | DWI/BAC                     | 202   | 188   | 10    | 4        | 0     | 0          | 0     |
|  | Property offense            | 3     | 3     | 0     | 0        | 0     | 0          | 0     |
|  | Other                       | 24    | 20    | 0     | 3        | 0     | 0          | 1     |

## **Agency response**

A major interstate highway, I-44, runs through Greene County and carries a great deal of traffic from St. Louis to Tulsa, or more generally from the greater mid west to the southwestern U.S. As a result, over the years this route developed into a major drug "pipeline," or conduit for narcotics traffic. Our increased interdiction efforts in 2005 may skew our racial profiling data. Further, our relative proximity to the St. Louis, Kansas City, Tulsa, and Little Rock metro areas and the ease of transit, along not only I-44 but also US-65 and MO-13, increase the probability of encountering greater numbers of persons from varied racial and ethnic backgrounds than our permanent population base might otherwise reflect, and could yield a greater disparity index as a result. Finally, as the Springfield/Greene County metropolitan area is home to several institutions of higher education (notable among them, Missouri State University) all of which work towards recruiting students from more diverse and urban locales, we should expect to encounter more minorities on traffic stops than the percentage that our census figures establish as residents.